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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES GRANTS FOR NEW, EXPANDED EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

The State Board of Education recently approved funding for 11 school districts to develop new or to expand their early childhood education programs. Nearly 300 additional at-risk, four-year-old children, who will be eligible to attend kindergarten the following year, will be served under the grants.

The programs were established to allow more at-risk children access to early childhood education and prekindergarten programs. Children will be served in inclusive learning environments to help them become successful once they enter school.

The following school districts will establish new programs or expand their current early childhood education services:

- Auburn Public Schools, \$50,000
- Broken Bow Public Schools, \$75,000
- Crete Public Schools, \$63,670
- Kearney Public Schools, \$99,921
- Lincoln Public Schools, \$141,730
- Norris School District 160, \$52,000
- North Bend Central Public Schools, \$125,000
- Papillion-La Vista Public Schools, \$116,900
- Scottsbluff Public Schools, \$125,000
- Spalding Public Schools, \$75,000
- York Public Schools, \$125,000